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Filed                          Concurrently herewith  
For                            DEVICE FOR THERMALLY TREATING GRANULAR SOLID  
                                 MATTER  
Art Unit                      Not known  
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Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-identified application,  
please amend as follows:

In the Claims:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2",

Claim 4, lines 1 and 2, delete "or any of the preceding  
claims", insert instead -- claim 1 --,

Claim 5, lines 1 and 2, delete "or any of the preceding  
claims", insert instead -- claim 1 --.

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This preliminary amendment is submitted just to reduce  
claim charges.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Enclosures:           set of marked-up claims  
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